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SIR:

In response to the Communication of September 24, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit herewith an amendment, a Sequence Listing, and a computer-readable Sequence Listing.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 19 (Abstract), after the last line, on the next page, please delete the Substitute Sequence Listing filed August 19, 2002, and insert the Substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto.

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